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Change Happens

Recently, while preparing a presentation on trends in kitchen design for the Washington Design Center, I was struck by how rapidly styles change today. It's hardly a secret that our ultra-connected society, wired (or wireless) as we are, is more exposed than ever before to design currents from every corner of the world.

While technology facilitates change, it also initiates it. Appliances are evidencing ground-breaking innovations that directly affect the design of the kitchen. Just look at the surface-mount wall oven that has a lowering floor instead of an opening door—with no door swing to consider, it's ideal for small spaces and you don't need to cut up your walls. Another example is a worktable with motorized, telescoping legs. This has the potential to end the counter-height conflict that can arise between cooks of different statures.

These two products are among the winners of the KB Awards, our annual recognition of outstanding designs (page 52). Our guest judge for 2008 was Arthur Tanturri, renown NYC kitchen guru, who brought a unique perspective to the evaluation process. As you read about this year's picks, try to imagine how having one or more of these forward-thinking products in your home could change not only how your bath or kitchen looks, but how it lives, too.

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The best kitchen designs reflect their owners' passions and personalities. In this issue of *Kitchens & Baths*, we take a close-up view of several distinct looks, from classic country to unabashedly contemporary. If you're looking for remodeling ideas, I think you'll find plenty in these pages—just find the style that fits you best.

Have you redone your kitchen recently? I'd love to see it. E-mail me photos or write to me at Woman's Day Special Interest Publications, 1633 Broadway, 42nd floor, New York, NY 10019. (All photos must be at least 300 dpi.) I can't wait to hear from you!

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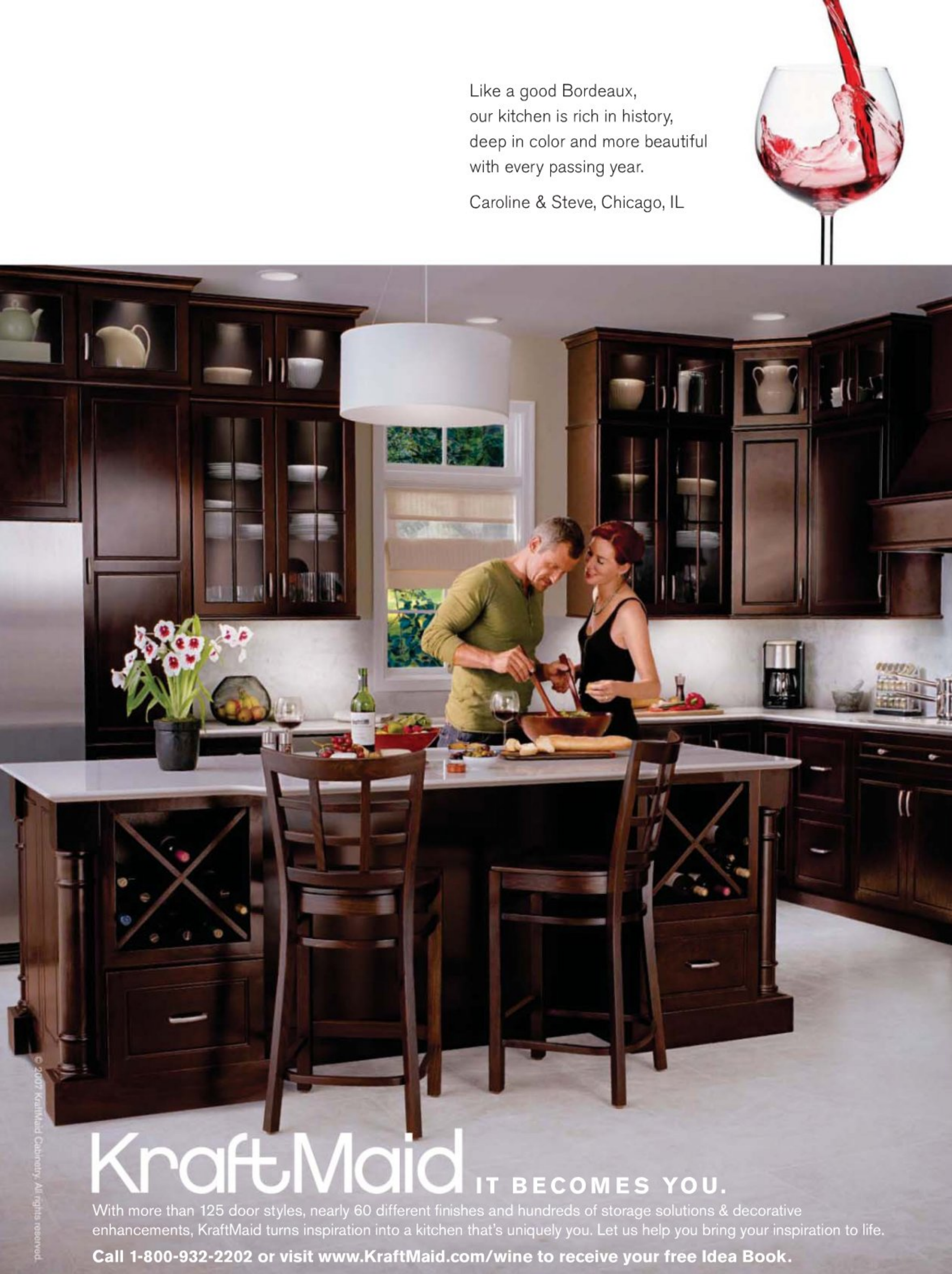
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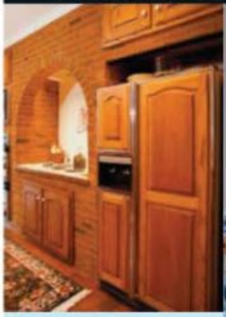

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Kitchen designer Arthur Tanturri addresses the pleasures and perils of a compact kitchen

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This bright white Manhattan kitchen in a prewar building is packed with functionality—much of which is hidden behind elegant, sleek lines and beautiful finishes. The space was designed by Arthur Tanturri, of Chelsea Fine Custom Kitchens, for Frank Pizzo, his wife Linda Jessee, and their two young children.

Q&A

◆ **WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF DESIGNING THIS SPACE?** To fit all of the appliances Frank and Linda requested into a small area and to get the look of a contemporary Italian kitchen in a very small space. We were grasping for inches.

◆ **WHAT WERE SOME OF THE FAMILY'S SPECIAL REQUESTS?** Linda cooks a lot, so she needed a large oven. Frank wanted a built-in coffeemaker for fresh-ground coffee every day. And with two kids, laundry was an issue, but the washer/dryer wouldn't fit in the bathroom. Fitting them into the kitchen was a tall order.

◆ **WAS THERE ONE OVERRIDING DESIGN CONCEPT THAT YOU STUCK TO FOR THIS SPACE?** We didn't want the appliances to show, because they have beautiful Italian furniture in the living room (the kitchen is open to the living room), and we didn't want to detract from that.

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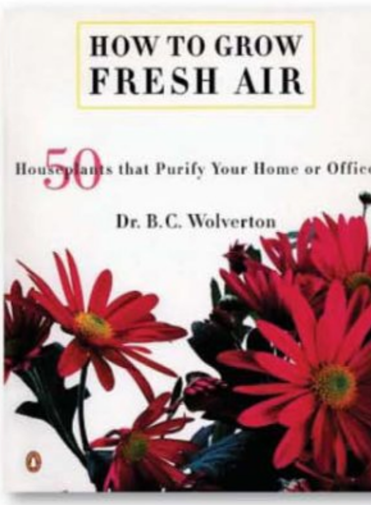

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tidy *tips*

If keeping your bathroom in order seems like a lost cause, don't throw in the towel. Amanda Sullivan, founder of The Perfect Daughter: Chaos Control (*www.theperfectdaughter.com*), offers these helpful hints:

◆ **RINSE CYCLE** Do you really need three different bottles of shampoo? Choose one at a time and rotate the others weekly. Your shower caddy will thank you.

◆ **NO APOLOGIES** Forgive yourself for impulsive purchases—lavender candles collecting dust or three-step facial regimes you can't find time for—and throw them out.

◆ **WINTER BREAK** Make sure out-of-season products such as sunblock and mosquito repellent aren't taking up valuable space in your medicine cabinet. ◆

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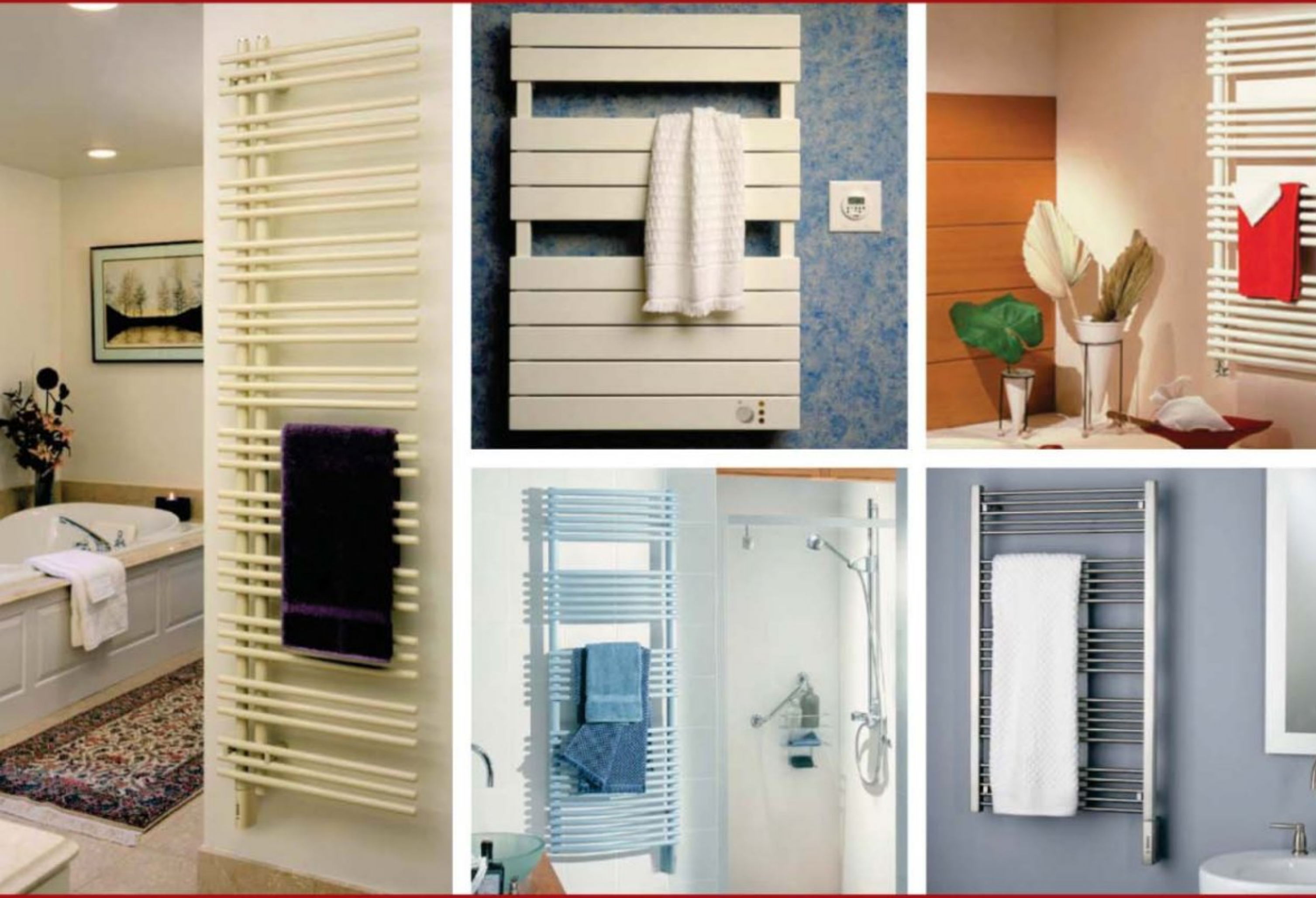

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Mike Arnold, owner of Twentieth Century Appliance Restorations and rehabilitation enthusiast since the age of 15, weighs in with some seasoned advice:

◆ **Devices made between 1930 and the mid-1950s have the best construction.** By the 1960s, manufacturers began using plastic instead of porcelain, cloth cords instead of rubber and copper tubing instead of aluminum.

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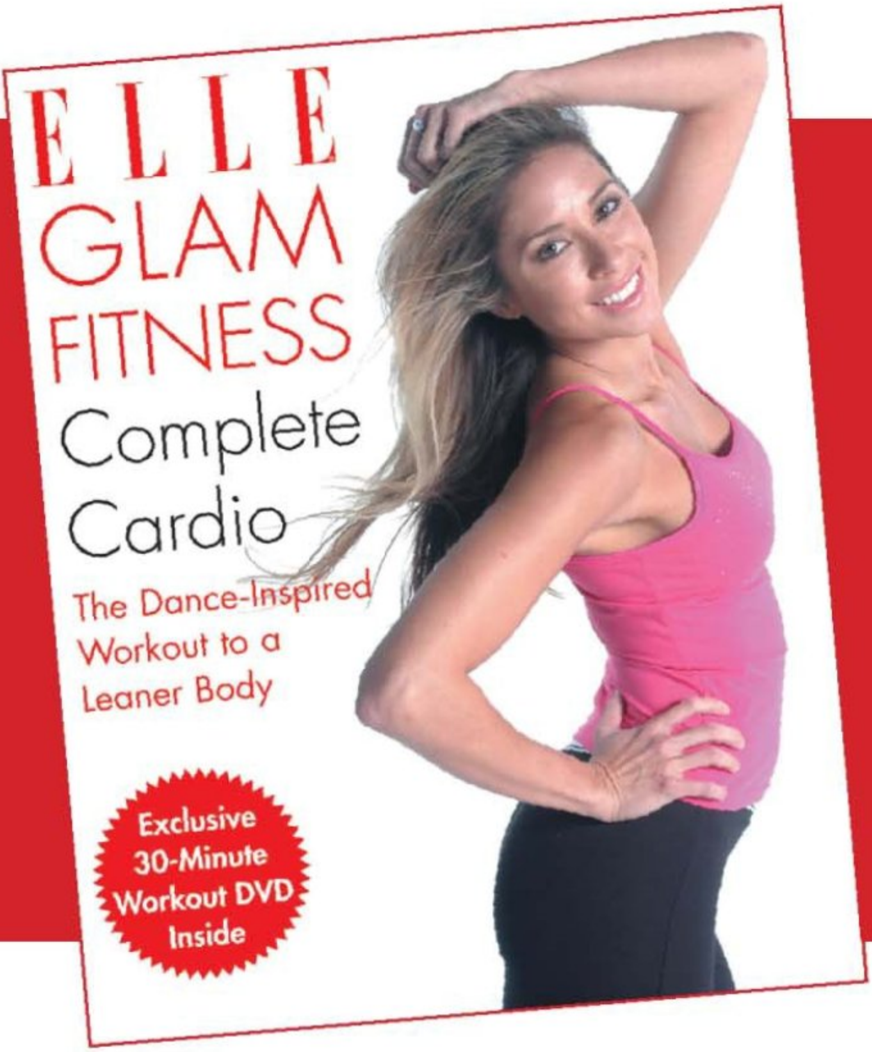

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Rich wood cabinets and colorful accents soften the angles in a modern kitchen

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style notes

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White cabinets and natural details give this kitchen a crisp look

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For an easy update, pay attention to details like drawer and cabinet pulls. Silvery finishes like stainless steel or nickel on faucets and kitchen utensils complement basic white cabinetry.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST
Lighter woods like maple and beech can make an all-white kitchen look washed out. Try cherry, mahogany or dark walnut on bar stools and countertops for a warmer look.

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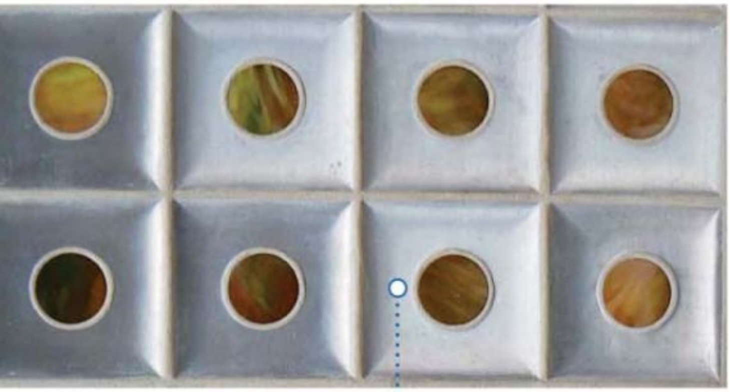

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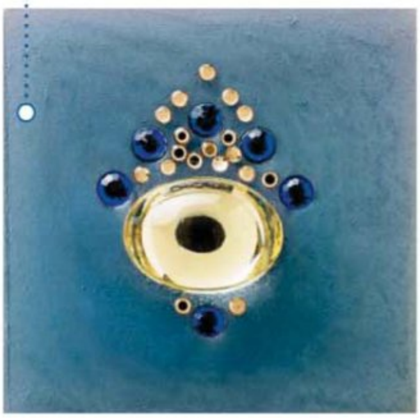

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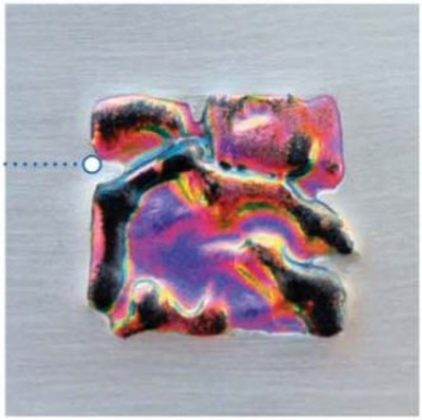

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country time

Simple flourishes sweeten this English-flavoured bath

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH

This space gets its English Country charm from the inset cabinet doors with beaded panels, vintage-inspired fixtures, the simple wallpaper pattern and the soft colors. The spice comes from several design gambits that are both fun and functional.

DISPLAY CASE

The open shelves on either side of the vanity keep towels close at hand. More importantly, those linens are visible, so choosing a vibrant color, such as this royal purple, can really liven up the place.

SHELF LIFE

Ledges run around the walls at eye-level. Not only do they supply an extra smidgen of storage, they also help tie together the irregular niches and odd spaces of the room.

HAVE A SEAT

Building a bench under a large window provides a multitude of benefits. Most obviously, it's a place to sit, but it can also open up to offer bonus storage, and it's another great place to add accent color via cushions or throw pillows.

OUTER FACE

The exterior shells of many cast-iron clawfoot tubs can be painted in any color or finish you like. This can make the tub pop visually, or as is the case here, it can help a fixture that juts out into the room seem a bit less overwhelming

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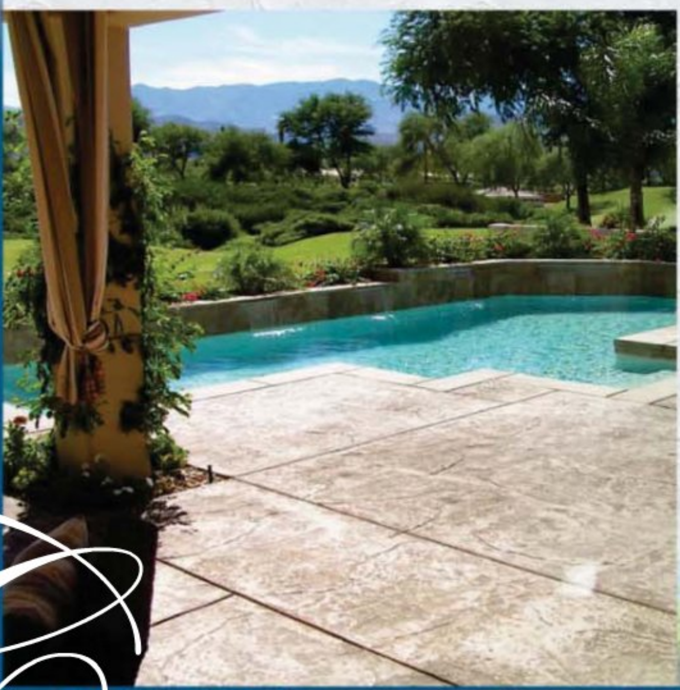

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Vertical surfaces give this room character and add utility

Windows galore bring a deluge of natural light into this expansive kitchen, but they also eat up potential storage space. In and around the cooking core, however, the designer took full advantage of every available spot to make the kitchen function and look fantastic.

FORGET ME NOT
A brief stretch of structurally necessary wall between the windows could easily have been overlooked and left blank. Instead, it features cabinets for both storage and decorative display.

RED FACED
The island's barn-red finish is an aggressive counterpoint to the natural wood tones and muted colors elsewhere in the room. Accordingly, the island stands out visually and becomes the anchor of the kitchen, as it should be.

WARM REGARDS
Finding space for a warming drawer can be tough, but it's worth the effort. It's the TiVo of the kitchen—once they get one, people wonder how they lived without it. Here, the side of the island is a perfect spot to tuck the appliance.

RIDE THE RAIL
A vent hood's underside is where all the magic happens, but that doesn't mean the housing is purely aesthetic. A simple rail mounted on the front edge keeps hanging utensils handy but out of the exhaust stream. ◆

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ranges

WRITTEN BY JOHN LOECKE

The range is not only the workhorse of the kitchen, it's also the symbolic hearth around which the space is designed. To that end, you want to choose a model that's not only good-looking, but also durable. Whether you want to spend as little as $400 or more than $4,000, here are a few points to ponder before making your purchase.

FUEL FIRST

Electric, gas or dual-fuel (gas cooktop, electric oven)—this is the first decision you'll have to make when shopping for a range. Of the three, most people prefer electric, mainly because it's a fuel source that's readily available, says Les Petrie, CKD, CBD and owner of Mother Hubbard's Custom Cabinetry, a Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, kitchen and bath design firm. To accommodate gas, your kitchen needs either a natural gas line or a propane tank and connection. Better baking is another reason to choose electric. "Electric ovens produce the most even heat so there aren't any hot or cold spots in the oven," says Bob Lewis, assistant vice president of product development for kitchen-appliance manufacturer Dacor.

With gas, the cooking surface is the selling point. "The open flame allows precise control," says Petrie. "With gas burners you can achieve a perfect simmer," says Lewis. "Electric heating elements continue to give off residual heat long after the burner has been turned off."

A dual-fuel range gives you the best of both: a gas cooktop and an electric oven. However, most dual-fuel ranges require a significant boost in electrical power. If your kitchen isn't equipped with a 240-volt outlet you'll need to have an electrician install one.

GO CONFIGURE

Once you've settled on a fuel, you'll need to select a configuration—freestanding, slide-in or drop-in. And unless you're doing a major remodel, your choice is dictated largely by what's currently in your kitchen. Freestanding ranges, finished on the front and both sides, are able to stand on their own. For this reason they work well as the centerpiece of a space.

Slide-in ranges are designed to fit between two base cabinets, so the sides are unfinished, raw metal panels. "They're designed to create a seamless appearance," says Kavita Khatri, cooking category manager for Whirlpool. "Because there aren't any side panels the cabinets can butt up next to the appliance."

HOT PICK

Maytag's 30-inch freestanding Gemini range has a 1.22-cubic-foot upper oven and a 4.3-cubic foot-lower oven. The cooktop has a special Power Boost element which allows for rapid boiling. For delicate dishes, one burner is equipped with a low 600-Btu setting. From $899. 866-385-4370; *www.maytag.com*.

HOT PICK

Designed with the professional cook in mind, Viking's 36-inch Professional series gas range features not only powerful 15,000-Btu variable gas burners but also a 1,500°F infrared broiler to quickly sear meats, locking in their natural juices. Cleanup is a snap thanks to easily removable burner grates, grate supports, burner bowls, drip trays, pans, burner caps, racks, and even the oven door. The range's rugged stainless steel exterior completes the professional look. From $5,350. *www.vikingrange.com*.

Drop-in ranges, like slide-in designs, are installed between two cabinets. The difference, however, is that the surrounding base cabinets in a drop-in installation actually provide the support for the unit. There's an oven, but unlike a freestanding or drop-in design there's no drawer for storage or warming underneath. Instead, there is a panel below the oven door that matches the cabinets.

SIZE MATTERS

Ranges are available in standard widths: 30-, 36-, 48- and even 60-inch designs. Larger ranges offer benefits like extra burners, griddles, grills and sometimes multiple ovens. Before →

	pros	*cons*	*look for*
GAS	Burners offer greater control; burners can be turned on and off instantly.	Uneven heating in ovens is a common complaint.	Sealed burners, which make cleanup easier by preventing spills from seeping below the cooktop.
ELECTRIC	Ovens provide even heat, considered ideal for baking.	Burners warm-up and cool down slowly rather than shut off and on instantly.	Smooth glass ceramic cooktops, which are the easiest to clean
DUAL FUEL	Combines the flexibility of a gas cooktop and the convenience of an electric oven.	Kitchen must be equipped for gas or you'll have to run a line.	An oven equipped with convection capabilities for faster, more even cooking.
PRO STYLE	Cooktops generate higher amounts of heat; ovens often have internal thermostats for precise control.	Extra cooking power requires pro-style ventilation to remove the added heat, grease and steam.	Flexible cooktop designs. You can often equip the cooktop's middle section with a grill or griddle.

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HOT PICK
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settling on a size, think about how you like to cook, says Stephanie Witt, CMKBD, and owner of Kitchens By Stephanie, a kitchen and bath design firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan. If you find that you often are trying to bake two dishes at the same time, then having two ovens may be a wise buy.

Smaller ranges (24-inches wide is typical) do exist for tight spaces, but selection is limited to either builder's-grade white or higher-priced brands. The big drawback is oven capacity. "You can't fit a full-size turkey in the ovens on these ranges," says Witt.

HOT POINTS

If it's been a while since you bought a range, you might be surprised at all of the features available. Some manufacturers—Maytag is one—offer models with two ovens, a smaller top oven and a larger lower oven, which can function at separate temperatures. An alternative to the double oven is the warming drawer. In some models the drawer only keeps food warm or allows you to heat plates and platters before serving. In others, you can use the drawer like a second oven to cook small dishes. And for the ultimate in convenience, many manufacturers now sell ranges equipped with timers that allow you to program the range to turn on at a specific time.

On top, look for features like bridge burners, an element that spans the space between two burners creating an integral cooking surface that's ideal for large or odd-shaped pans. Dual elements, burners that can be adjusted to accommodate different sized pots, are another common feature on electric cooktops.

CARE CONCERNS

Most ranges come with self-cleaning ovens. What you really want to think about is cleaning the cooktop. Gas ranges have either open or sealed burners. As sealed burners have no drip pans or tops to lift (only the grates and burner caps are removed) they are the easiest to clean.

Electric ranges are equipped with either exposed coil or enclosed glass-ceramic elements. Ranges with coil elements will cost less, but they'll also be more difficult to clean. "You have to remove the element and drip pan each time," says Khatri. Flat-surface elements don't require any disassembly and are easily wiped clean.

PRO-STYLE

Commercial ranges are coveted for the high-heat output of their cooktops. The burners on these high-powered cooking machines can crank out 18,000 to 20,000 British thermal units (Btu), a measure of heat output, which can cut in half the time it takes to sear a steak. Pro-style ranges allow you to bring similar cooking power into your home. They have just slightly less oomph than their high-powered cousins—15,000 to 16,000 Btu is normal. By comparison, the average gas range offers burners in the 6,000 to 9,000 Btu range.

Of course, all that cooking power generates more heat, steam and grease and requires an equally powerful range hood. A standard hood will move about 350 cubic feet of air per minute (cfm), while a commercial or pro-style model will move double that amount. Depending on the size and Btu output of your range, a compatible hood will add anywhere from $1,000 to $1,500 to the cost. ◆

HOT PICK
A year ago, induction cooking, which uses electromagnetic energy to heat only the cookware, not the cooking surface, was only available on a handful of high-end cooktops. With the introduction of the Diva 365, the technology is available in a range. From $8,500. *www.divainduction.com*.

good

$300 to $1,500

Expect the basics: gas or electric cooktops with ovens to match. Gas cooktops, especially at entry-level prices, won't have sealed burners. On electric models, smooth-top surfaces begin to replace electric coils at price tags of around $500. Ovens on both gas and electric models will bake and broil, but they won't typically self-clean. Finish choices include basic black and white.

better

$1,500 to $2,500

Step up to improved styling and better features. On gas models, look for sealed burners; on electric, expect to find smooth glass tops. Continuous grates on gas and bridge elements on smooth-top electric models allow you to easily move large pans from burner to burner. Multiple ovens, oven-and-warming-drawer combinations and convection ovens are more common. For easy care, look for models with sealed burners. Finish choices include stainless steel and other metal-look finishes.

best

$2,500 to $4,500

This is the place to start if a fully loaded range is what you're looking for. Whether you choose gas or electric, expect to find models with cooktops boasting continuous grates, high heat burners, grill, griddle and wok attachments. Ovens should be self-cleaning, have convection capabilities and multiple adjustable racks. Expect to find a few 30-inch pro-style ranges at the upper end of this price range. Stainless steel and select enamel colored finish options become standard.

ultra

$4,500+

This is the category to shop if you're looking for a high-powered professional-style range with gas cooktop and electric oven. Cooktops should have sealed burners with outputs from 15,000 Btu high to a low 500-Btu simmer. Ovens should be self-cleaning and convection cooking modes should be standard. Sizes range from a slim 30-inches to a hulking 60-inches.

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2 GET SHOWER POWER. There are almost as many colorful shower curtains as there are paint chips at the hardware store. A quick online, in-store or catalog search will yield plenty of options.

3 BE YOUNG AGAIN. Replace old brass or silvertone hardware on cabinetry with art glass, enameled or ceramic pulls or knobs—they come in a range of colors. Don't forget to check children's decor collections. They often offer more than just primary hues.

4 TOWEL OFF. Yank those old towels off the rack and indulge in a set of new, fluffier ones. Be sure to pick a color that will put some zing in your morning. May we suggest duckling-yellow or tart-apple-green?

5 ACCESSORIZE WISELY. You know how to accessorize a smashing outfit—now do the same for your bath. A new countertop set (soap dish, toothbrush holder, cup and a container for cotton balls) is easy to find and adds a blast of coordinated color front and center on the countertop.

6 ADD SPA FEATURES. Besides having wonderful oversize tubs and glorious lotions and potions, spas also cater to your senses with decor that soothes with color. Bring the look home with a trio of large, clear containers filled with colorful soaps or sea glass. Place on a counter or along a deep picture ledge.

7 Open a can. Painting the walls of your bath will have the greatest color impact, and today's scrubbable flat paint formulas mean you don't have to go for a high-shine gloss if you prefer a matte finish.

8 Use a backdrop. If you have open shelving or cabinets with glass fronts, paint the back wall of the cabinets a bright, clear color for an unexpected pop.

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9 ACQUIRE AN ACCENT. Painting just a single wall with a new hue can revive a room. Choose a wall without cabinets so the color can really stand out. A quart of paint will do the trick in most kitchens. Money-saving tip: Check out your home center's bargain paints, which are often cans of custom color that were mistakenly mixed. You never know—you might find a gem at a deep discount.

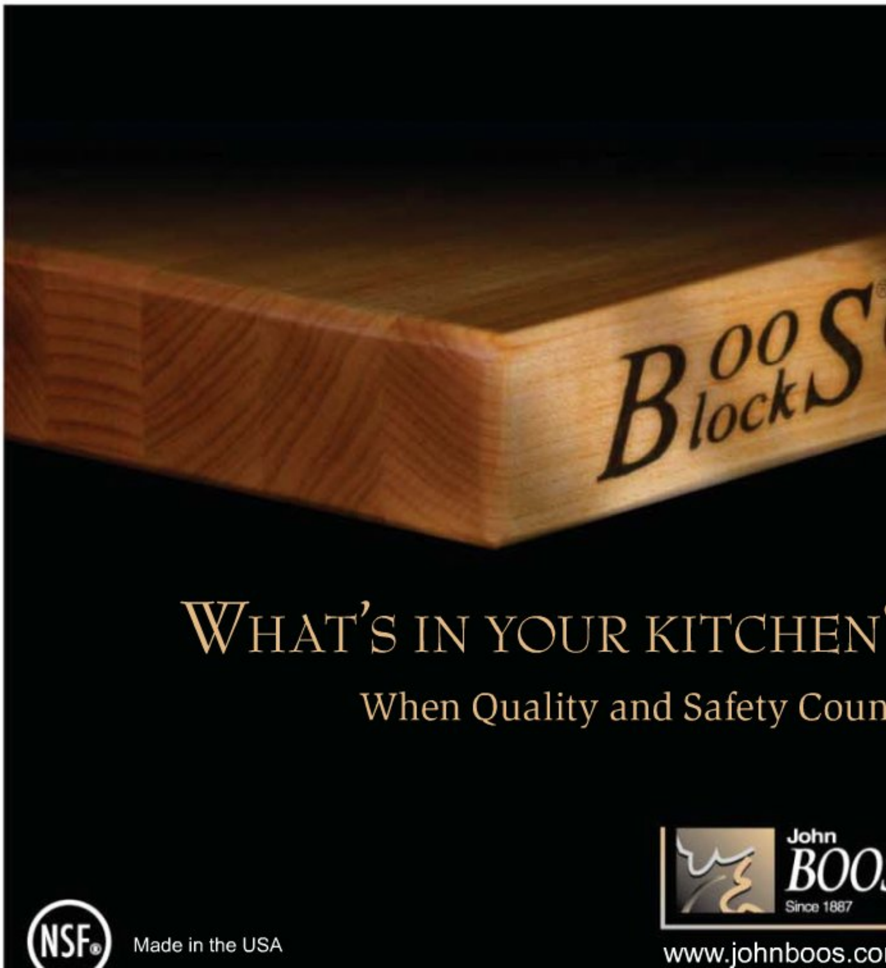
10 MAKE A COUNTER OFFER. There are dozens of options for resurfacing your countertops in color-saturated materials such as tile and solid-surface. If the price tag for doing all the counters is too steep, consider resurfacing just the island.

11 JUMP BACK IN TIME. Antique shops and tag sales are chock-full of kitchen collectibles in fun colors. Some examples that really work: 1940s enamelware in charming red and white, 1950s ceramics drenched in sherbet hues and 1970s crockery in rich earth tones. Display your collection on a baker's rack, a deep picture ledge or atop wall-hung cabinets.

12 EAT WITH COLOR. Buy a set of new dinnerware in one or more bright colors to mix and match with your everyday white dishes. Splurge on a complete set (rich reds and oranges are trendy right now), or just buy the bowls or salad plates to spice up your dining table.

13 MAKE A SPLASH. Add a backsplash, or replace an old one, with colorful tiles. Try glass tiles, which come in an endless array of hues and offer a shiny, translucent layer of color.

14 GO FOR A RUN. If you have an eat-in kitchen, spread a new runner across the table. Fabric adds softness to the space, and you can change the color often. ◆



downloading dishes

Computers help save time in the kitchen–finally

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH

ABOVE: This prototype kitchen, produced by the Internet Home Alliance, includes a touch-screen computer and a media center on the refrigerator.

The kitchen has long been the home's primary hub of activity and communication. Ironically, however, in an age when the Internet, cell phones and digital television have become nearly ubiquitous, most kitchens connect to the outside world via nothing more sophisticated than a traditional land-line telephone.

Although no one's come up with the kitchen equivalent of the iPod—something so awesome that millions will demand it immediately—computer-based technologies that save time and make kitchens more convenient do exist and are becoming increasingly practical.

Past attempts to put the kitchen "online" showed intriguing potential, but didn't address the needs of typical consumers. The prototypical example was the refrigerator that kept track of its contents, then, when low on milk, say, automatically ordered another gallon to be delivered to the home.

must-have

This oven can be controlled from the Internet or a cell phone. Changes keyed in from a remote location register instantly.

TMIO Connect Io dual oven with refrigeration. $7,495. 800-881-8646; *www.tmio.com.*

This admittedly fascinating concept never took off mostly due to the fact that nobody ever asked for such a device.

The latest batch of products are based on more well thought-out homeowner needs, some of which have been researched by the Internet Home Alliance Research Council, a group whose 16 members include technology and household-goods manufacturers, along with two major telecom service providers and a local government entity.

The Council's Digital Kitchen Study found that family members want to use the kitchen to leave messages for each other, keep track of appointments, generally run the household and access the Internet wirelessly—technologies that all currently exist, although not designed with the kitchen in mind. The study also unearthed a demand for an as-yet-undeveloped technology: the ability to call up a recipe online—by voice, preferably—and have the information projected onto a wall or countertop.

Interestingly, as the study explored ways to connect the family digitally in the kitchen, it found consumers had soured on the analog alternative: the desk. "About 10 years ago, there was this trend of putting desks in the kitchen, where you could sit and do your bills and write down recipes," says Tim Woods, a consumer research specialist at Poco Labs in Novi, Michigan, who helped manage the digital kitchen project. "We found consumers didn't like the idea. It really becomes a clutter area. People now say, 'I don't want a desk. I want wireless.'"

When the Internet Home Alliance assembled a model kitchen, it included a touch-screen computer, the HP TouchSmart IQ770, that featured a digital family calendar. "Quite frankly, this is the killer app for the family kitchen," Woods says. "It's a computer that everyone can use in a kitchen setting."

Despite this computer's usefulness, he adds, "It's not specifically made for the kitchen. It has a really big footprint, and, in the kitchen, counter space is really expensive real estate." He says that one way to make a computer more kitchen-friendly would be to design a wall-mount or under-cabinet version.

Thankfully, early adopters can purchase cool techno-gizmos right now. Some of the latest appliances help save time by alerting manufacturers when they've malfunctioned, much like a home-security

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must-have

The TV screen is sexy, but the terrific weather and info center on the ice/water dispenser should be more useful for most families.

LG refrigerator with LCD TV and weather/info center. $3,799. 800-243-0000; *www.us.lge.com.*

must-have

Family members can leave notes for each other and keep track of their schedules using a friendly touch-screen interface.

HP TouchSmart IQ775 with wireless keyboard, mouse, stylus and remote control. $1,599. 800-752-0900; *www.hp.com*.

system. "When there's something wrong with them, they can be fixed online," says Ross Rosenzweig, of BSC Culinary in San Francisco. "And if they can't, by the time the repairman shows up, he already knows what's wrong with the appliance because it can transmit its own diagnostics directly to the manufacturer."

"People's main complaint about broken appliances is the hours spent waiting for the repairman or having to take off from work," Rosenzweig says. "To be able to either fix an appliance online, or be able to waltz into a home and say, 'Here's what you need. Here's the part. We're done.' That's amazing."

Select high-end refrigerators, dishwashers and ovens provide self-diagnosis. Some refrigerators, for example, can let the manufacturer know how high the inter-

LEFT: There's curves ahead in this vision of the kitchen, from Alessi. Ergonomically organized gas burners eliminate reaching across steaming pots and open flames. And with no sharply angled cabinets or counters, bruised hips are a thing of the past for the active cook.

Consumers like the idea of having a television in the kitchen, but not for watching movies or *Survivor*. They consider a kitchen TV more convenient for viewing cooking shows and instructional DVDs and for weather and traffic information when they're headed out the door.

nal temperature gets during a power failure. The homeowner can then be alerted if an unsafe temperature was reached. One oven, the Connect Io from TMIO, not only allows online updates, it also lets the homeowner control the oven remotely via the Web or a cell phone. What's more, the oven also refrigerates, so a person can assemble a dish and program the oven to cook it at a given time, knowing that the refrigerating function will keep it fresh until then.

"This isn't technology for technology's sake; it actually makes sense," Rosenzweig says. "Say the family is out at a ball game that runs late. A call can tell the oven to hold off on cooking the day's meal, and a subsequent call can give it the go-ahead."

Such a scenario, in fact, is how the oven came about. "The company founder didn't have enough time to spend with his family," Rosenzweig says. "If a family is out doing something—or the individual members are apart—and they come back and dinner is ready, it brings them together. From a culinary standpoint, that's what food is all about. I think that's huge, and that's the power of this technology."

The key to the acceptance of this or any future kitchen technology is that it must work predictably and be easy to use. It should smooth out complications and give people some of their time back. ◆

must-have

Enjoy movies, TV and music from the comfort of your kitchen with this range hood that boasts a 17-inch LCD screen.

Siemens avantGarde multiMedia hood. $3,499. 888-474-3636; www.siemens-home.com.

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upgrades for cooks

WRITTEN BY JEANNIE MATTEUCCI

BEFORE: The old two-level island was too long and took up too much space.

AFTER: The new single-level island not only offers built-in storage and a prep area, but gives the McGinns the perfect spot to lay out a buffet.

1 the modern conveniences

When Howard and Jayne McGinn purchased their Colonial in Northborough, Massachusetts, three years ago, the 295-square-foot kitchen seemed fine—until they started working in the space. "The layout was bad, the island was poorly designed and we really wanted to upgrade the appliances," says Jayne. Hoping to create a brighter, more functional space, the couple (who share their home with their three children and a Great Dane) turned to Mariette Barsoum, owner of Divine Kitchens in Westborough, Massachusetts. Enlarging the window over the sink and replacing the kitchen's dark cherry cabinets helped lighten the room. Warm brown-and-gold granite countertops, a custom hood designed by Barsoum and upgraded appliances including a wine storage unit, convection oven and 48-inch-wide panel-front refrigerator all make this kitchen a cook's paradise. "When you change your kitchen—it's the heart of the house—everything in your home changes," says Jayne.

IN THE DETAILS

- **BACKSPLASH** Providing a subtle but textured backdrop for the other details of the room, the kitchen's tumbled marble backsplash features a mosaic tile border and random metal tile inserts behind the cooktop and bar area for added interest.
- **DESK AREA** Located between the kitchen and family room, a built-in desk and hutch give Howard and Jayne a place to pay bills. "I used to just have my laptop on the kitchen counter," says Jayne.
- **LIGHTING** Special attention was given to improving the lighting. "It just makes the kitchen," says Jayne, who now has recessed, under-cabinet and above-cabinet lighting, all on dimmers. Howard and Jayne found a decorative metal fixture for over the island that fits the kitchen's traditional style perfectly.
- **FLOORING** Howard and Jayne saved money by keeping their existing tile floor. "It was in perfect shape, easy to take care of, and the colors really worked with the new cabinets and counters," says Jayne.

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2 serious cooking

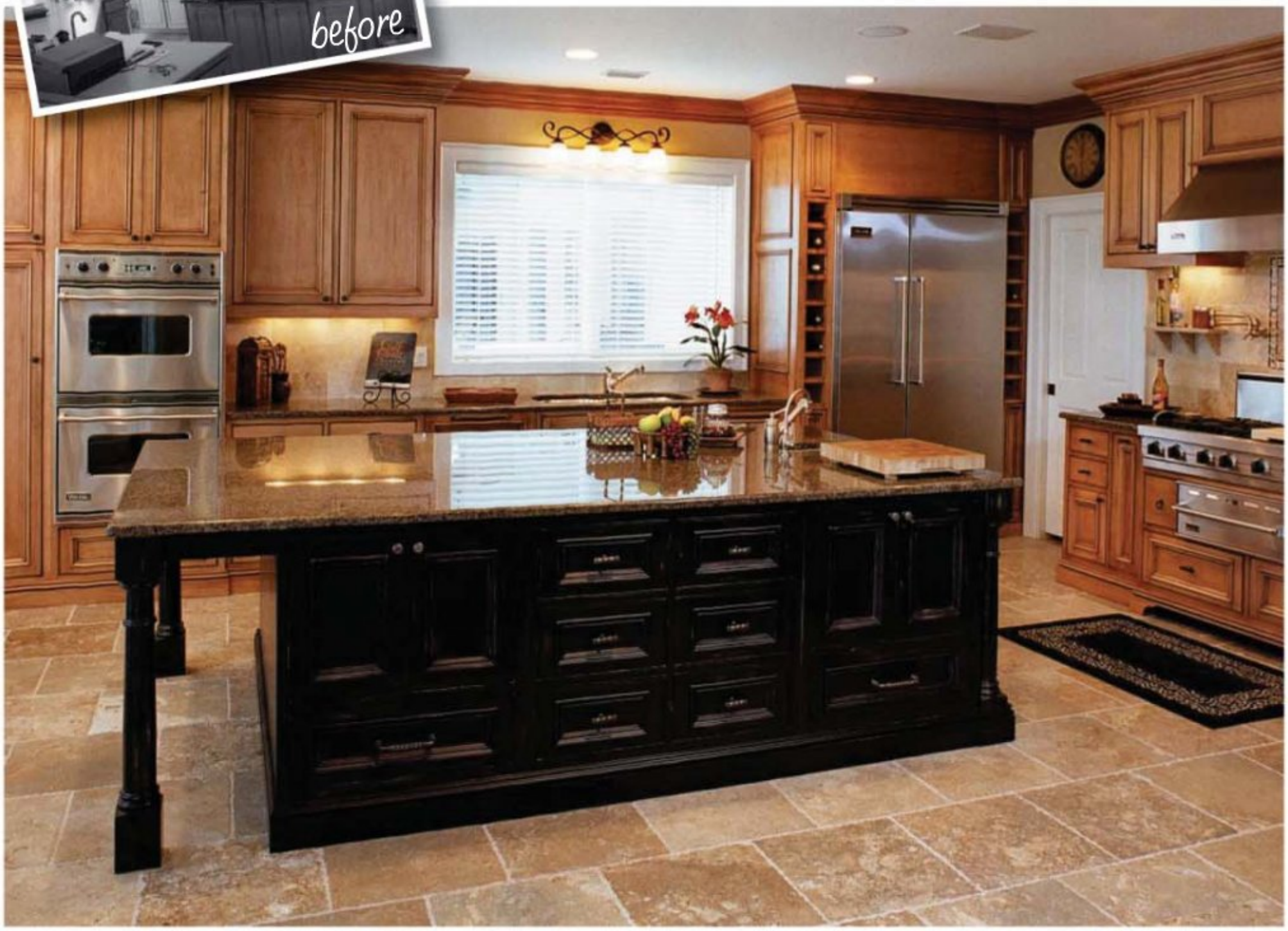
A bad layout and dated appliances were two reasons the owners of a Pensacola, Florida, beachouse, wanted to renovate their 324-square-foot kitchen. "The kitchen just didn't fit the house," says Cheryl Kees Clendenon, owner of In Detail Kitchen and Bath of Pensacola. The husband—who loves to cook—helped select the appliances, including a 48-inch stainless steel refrigerator, a large pro-style range with warming drawer, double ovens and a handy instant hot-water dispenser. Kees Clendenon made the range a focal point, with a stainless steel hood and spice pull-outs on each side. While no walls were removed, rearranging the appliances made the kitchen more user-friendly. The cabinets were brought all the way to the 9-foot ceiling. "This gave them more storage and improves the scale of the room," says Kees Clendenon. "The layout is much, much better," she says. "You can entertain easily, yet no one gets in the way of the cook."

IN THE DETAILS

- **BACKSPLASH** Large stone tiles set in a classic brick pattern create a pleasing backdrop for the other details in the room. The backsplash has a decorative border and a charcoal gray/black medallion behind the cooktop that helps create a focal point.
- **ISLAND** Set apart from the surrounding lighter cabinets, the bottom of the large center island was painted a distressed black color that complements the tones of the backsplash. It features a prep sink, microwave and storage drawers.
- **WINE STORAGE** Kees Clendenon came up with an ingenious way to use otherwise dead space: She added open cubby holes on each side of the refrigerator for wine storage. "You have to be able to open the doors of the refrigerator to get things out, and these cubby holes created storage while still allowing access to the fridge," she says.

BEFORE: The old center island was too small for the room, says Kees Clendenon. "It was not effective at all," she says.

AFTER: Creating a tighter work triangle with the kitchen's sink, refrigerator and range dramatically improved the kitchen.



BEFORE: The bland feel and awkward layout of the old kitchen made the space uninviting.

AFTER: The new kitchen is not only bigger, but the custom island improves the flow and functionality of the space.

3 beach party

Guests of Steve and Karen Hendrix love it when Karen whips up her famous wild mushroom risotto or goat cheese, tomato and basil pizza in their Pensacola Beach, Florida, coastal cottage. But making those crowd-pleasers in her old 156-square-foot kitchen was a chore. "There was so much wasted space between appliances; all you felt like you were doing was walking," says Karen. Since Steve and Karen love to entertain, a more functional kitchen with better appliances that complements the casual style of their beach home was essential. The couple turned to Kees Clendenon to help them maximize the space. She designed a custom two-level island that makes the room flow better. Karen especially loves the depth and size of the island's double sink, "It makes the biggest difference in the world when you're cooking," she says. Other changes—like adding a wine storage unit and open shelves in the adjacent dining area so Steve and Karen could display their art glass collection—give this now 195-square-foot kitchen a fresh look and make it more conducive to entertaining. ◆

IN THE DETAILS

- **CABINETS** Custom maple cabinets with a natural stain and glaze, featuring upper cabinets with louvered doors for a contemporary, coastal look, give this kitchen the modern style Steve and Karen wanted. A large pantry with louvered doors provides storage for dry goods.
- **COUNTERS** A granite in amber and brown tones with flecks of black was selected for the countertops. "It wasn't too busy; it's kind of soft," says Kees Clendenon, "we wanted it to blend in." The same granite was used to create a seamless backsplash for a clean, non-fussy look.
- **FLOORS** Steve and Karen selected a 18×18-inch travertine tile floor in a warm cappuccino/walnut. The color unifies all the design elements in the room and helps hide sand from the beach.
- **APPLIANCES** Since Steve and Karen needed "big appliances" for a busy kitchen, Kees Clendenon stocked the space with top-of-the-line stainless steel selections, including a pro-style 42-inch refrigerator and a downdraft range. Karen's favorite appliance? "I love the warming drawer. It makes preparing for lots of guests so much easier."

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From deep tubs to shallow cabinets, these are the most imaginative products of the year

the fifth Annual KB Awards

With the ever-escalating concern for the environment, you might expect to see a fair number of eco-conscious products among our annual roundup of the best, and this year's crop of KB Awards entries confirmed that trend. There were also a lot of really innovative ideas and gorgeously executed concepts that proved a product doesn't have to be green to be great. On the following pages, you'll find everything from a bamboo bathroom sink to a table whose height adjusts to suit people of varying heights. To judge this year's awards we asked designer Arthur Tanturri, of Chelsea Fine Custom Kitchens in New York, to join Leslie Plummer Clagett, editor, and Bill Partsch, associate editor, of Woman's Day Special Interest Publications' *Kitchens & Baths*.

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH

WINNER/Lighting **Robern, M Series Reflexion modular lights**

Seen straight on, these lights appear to be floating in air, thanks to the mirrored front of the enclosure surrounding the fluorescent lamp. The soft light shines through frosted-glass panels, providing a warm illumination fit for daily hygiene and primping. The fixtures come in two heights and complement the company's medicine cabinets. $775 to $850, depending on size, not including cabinets. 800-877-2376; *www.robern.com.*

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lighting

WINNER
▼ Lutron, Maestro dimmer with countdown timer

After a shower, the vent fan in the bathroom should ideally continue running in order to exhaust the residual humidity. That's why it's a good idea to put your bath fan on a switch that includes a timer. This is not a new concept, to be sure, but this switch/timer combo does the job with a particularly elegant interface. It also controls the light, with both dimmer and timer functions. $75. 888-588-7661; *www.lutron.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
▲ Terzani, Tresor suspension lamp

Extravagant doesn't even begin to describe this hanging fixture. It is made of 3,900 coins that are hand welded and finished in gold leaf or silver. Fluorescent or halogen lamp options are available. $14,500. 866-837-9264; *www.terzani.com.*

ventilation

WINNER ▲ Miele, MasterChef hood

Hoods over islands and peninsulas are critical to proper kitchen ventilation, but they can mess up sight lines. If someone made a hood that elevated and lowered as needed, that could alleviate the visual obstruction. This is that hood. ("At last!" says Tanturri.) A motor adjusts height within a 12-inch stretch. The unit ventilates up to 625 cfm. $4,099. 800-843-7231; *www.miele.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Elica, Optica hood

A generous swath of tempered glass relieves the visual weight of this hood; the slender, sharply defined stainless steel helps, too. The two materials mate artfully in the 600-cfm hood's design, with the operating controls discreetly stationed at the front edge of the stainless steel L. $2,690. (011) 39 07 326 101; *www.elicacollection.com.*

cooking

WINNER
◀ Thermador, Silver-Mirrored induction cooktop

Good-looking and safety-minded, this cooktop sports a reflective silver finish that's "a boon to light-colored kitchens," says Clagett and retains all the advantages of the standard, dark induction cooktop. Added safety features include a system that sounds an alarm and shuts the cooktop down in case of a boil-over, and a residual-heat indicator that warns if the heating surface is still hot to the touch even after a pot has been removed. 30-inch model, $2,499; 36-inch model, $2,999. 800-656-9226; *www.thermador.com.*

WINNER
▼ Gaggenau, BL253 Lift Oven

This is just so cool: This oven doesn't have a door; instead, its floor goes up and down with the push of a switch. The heat-rising principle means the unit loses less energy, the manufacturer says. We're no experts on thermodynamics, but assuming this appliance functions properly and holds up mechanically, "It's going to threaten the hi-def TV for guests' attention," says Bill Partsch. $3,339. 877-442-4436; *www.gaggenau.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
▲ LaCornue, CornuFé range

For people who appreciate powerful French ranges but can spare neither the space nor the huge expense, here's a smaller version at a—well, let's just say a less huge price. Available in stainless or five enamel colors with three trim choices, the range has two ovens with side-swinging doors and an array of cooking modes. The five gas cooktop burners (sorry, no French top) range from a 17,500-Btu blaster in the middle to a simmer burner that can maintain 600 Btu. $8,000. 800-892-4040; *www.lacornue.com.*

faucets

WINNER

Hansgrohe, Axor Massaud lav mixer

The bold yet simple styling of this faucet is just one part of its appeal. Water cascades from the front edge of the elegant chrome plane, turning the basic act of hand washing into a luxe experience. The lav faucet is part of a similarly styled suite of bath plumbing fittings. $778. 800-334-0455; *www.hansgrohe-usa.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION ▲ Dornbracht, IAM single-lever lav mixer with Corian housin

Rather than a waterfall, this faucet mimics the flow of an old water pump, but it whips that look forward through time by encasing almost the entire faucet in a solid-surfacing shelf. Only the square tip of a spout protrudes from the front of the housing, with a single mixing lever mounted beneath. Arthur Tanturri calls i "innovative and elegant." $2,485. 800-774-1181; *www.dornbracht.com.*

surfaces

WINNER Wilsonart, Nouveau Walnut laminate flooring

Consumers have embraced laminate flooring for its durability, cost and reasonable representations of natural materials. The latest innovation, as seen in this 5-inch-wide plank flooring, matches the grain depicted on the plank with embossed texture to complete the illusion. This rich walnut pattern even features simulated wear spots, imbuing the floor with "unique visual character," notes Partsch. $8 per square foot installed; $5 uninstalled. 800-710-8846; *www.wilsonartflooring.com.*

HONORABLE MENTIONS

◀ DuPont, Corian Privat Collection colors; Wilsonart, Milano Series Premium laminate

Granite and marble are extremely beautiful, but cleverly executed man-made materials can provide looks and ease of maintenance that nature just can't match. Instead of slavishly duplicating the real thing, artful manufacturers can come up with fresh color combinations, patterns and veining, as has been accomplished with these collections. The solid surfacing (above) simulates stone with distinctive tones o copper, amber and cinnamon while the laminates (below) incorporate shades of red, brown and green. Corian: $45 to $75 per square foot installed. 800-906-7765; *www.countertops.dupont.com.* Milano: Starting at around $15 per square foot installed. 800-433-3222; *www.wilsonart.com.*

sinks

WINNER ▲ **Duravit, Vero furniture washbasin**

Grace and practicality merge in this lav setup. The sink is a wide rectangle with a gently scooped bottom, and it sits in a generous countertop. The repeating geometry creates visual harmony, and the no-lip integration of the basin into the counter simultaneously makes the unit more attractive and "easier to clean," notes Partsch. $895 to $1,350, depending on size. 888-387-2848; *www.duravit.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

▲ **Stone Forest, Moso Bamboo vessel sink**

The increasingly welcome grain and character of bamboo now come in the form of an above-counter bathroom sink. Given the material, it's no surprise that the lav gives off a distinctly Asian vibe. The company says the material is water-resistant by virtue of a wood sealer and a coat of wax. $700. 888-682-2987; *www.stoneforest.com.*

hardware

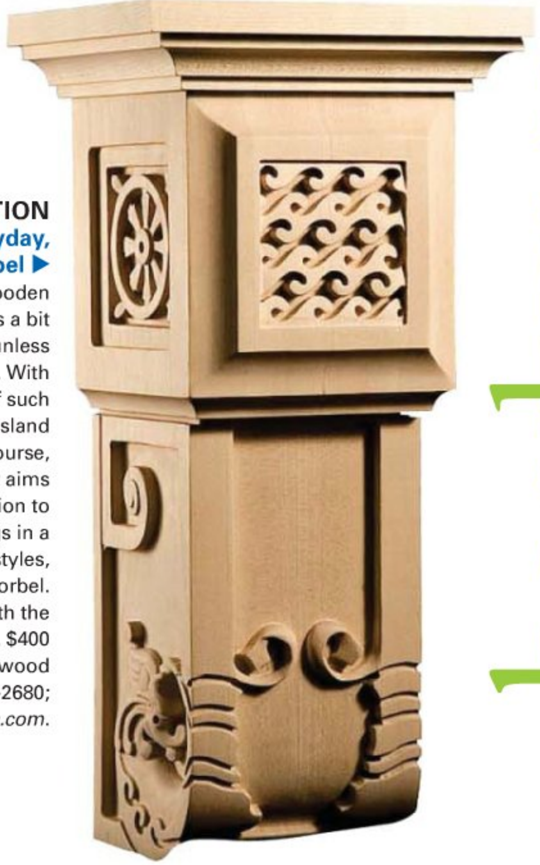
WINNER ▼ **Everpure, Exubera water chiller/carbonator**

Eco-conscious consumers are starting to embrace tap water and avoid bottled water. For connoisseurs who feel filtered water just tastes better, this system delivers that purity, nicely chilled and with no bottles. The real clincher here, however, is carbonated water on demand, and you can adjust the fizz level. Says Clagett, "Take that, plain old tap water!" $2,600. 800-323-7873; *www.everpure.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

Art for Everyday, Beaux Art Corbel ▶

The selection of wooden architectural details gets a bit redundant after a while, unless you know where to look. With its substantial offering of such details as appliqués, island posts, capitals and, of course, molding, this company aims to bring sophistication to the masses via carvings in a variety of refreshing styles, including this Beaux Art corbel. "I'm really impressed with the quality," says Tanturri. $400 to $500, depending on wood species and size. 866-850-2680; *www.afe-inc.com.*



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kitchen electrics

WINNER
Haier, Aqua Fontana water dispenser ▶

The hero in many an office is the lug who can hoist and invert the five-gallon bottles of water onto the cooler. Alas, those who have these jugs delivered to their homes may not have such a savior to count on. With this dispenser, though, they need only lift the bottle a few inches off the floor, and they don't have to flip it over, either. A suction system attached to the bottle mouth delivers water to the taps. It's Energy Star-rated, too. $250. 888-764-2437; *www.haieramerica.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
▲ Waring Pro, PC100 wine chiller

Here's another gizmo that knows more than you do and is designed to put that knowledge to work for your benefit. The computer inside this electric wine chiller has a database of the proper serving temperatures for 33 varietals covering the full spectrum: reds, whites, roses and sparklers. Just pop in a bottle of pinot noir, punch it up on the screen and wait for the beep that signals it's time to uncork. $100. 800-492-7464; *www.waringproducts.com.*

storage

WINNER
▲ John Boos & Co., Electric Ergonomic Grande work station

This handsome work table has more than natural maple beauty going for it. In fact, its most appealing feature is the fact that the surface adjusts from 30 to 40 inches high. "Very cool!" says Partsch. A switch below and between the unit's two drawers operates an electric motorized lift. Power is supplied simply via an electrical cord in one of the table's food-service-grade stainless steel legs. $4,995. 217-247-7701; *www.johnboos.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
◀Fagor, CX-5 Cooking Design Center

Cooktops and cookware, unite! That's the central idea behind this stainless steel work center. It includes a built-in 28-inch cooktop (either gas or smooth glass electric), plus three drawers and three pull-out cabinets. The shallow drawers can store utensils and spices, while the deep units can hold pots and pans. $995, including cooktop. 800-207-0806; *www.fagoramerica.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
▲ Asko, HiddenHelpers laundry accessories

"I want this," says Clagett. These add-ons give users a place to iron, fold and more in the same footprint as the laundry appliances themselves. The ironing center includes an electrical outlet, and the pull-out shelf is available with a wire basket for air-drying garments. When not in use, the units disappear behind sleek doors that have no external hardware. Shelf: $200; shelf/basket combo: $335 to $500; ironing board: $500 to $575, depending on features. 800-898-1879; *www.askousa.com.*

WINNER ▲ Plato Woodwork, Inovae

Given a sufficient supply of bamboo, just about any cabinet company could fill kitchens with "green" storage. Making this unconventional material look attractive is the tricky part, and that's just what has happened with these cabinets. One significant enhancement is in the finish. Bamboo's natural color is perfectly presentable, but like any wood, it has its limits. Rich tones such as the Espresso finish shown here, combined with what Clagett says is "an adventurous mix of horizontal and vertical grains," provide a look that is at once exotic and inviting. $37,755 as shown, plus freight. Other styles starting from $23,500. 800-328-5924; *www.platowoodwork.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

◄YesterTec, Nautical Grid mini-kitchen armoire

More than just a cabinet, this armoire contains essentially all the elements of a working kitchen. Everything's small, but it's all there: an undercounter refrigerator, a two-burner cooktop, a bar sink, a dishwasher drawer and a speed-cook/microwave oven with vent hood. This black-painted poplar unit has nautical-inspired styling. The judges noted it's safe, too; the cooking appliances don't function unless the cabinet doors are stashed completely in their pockets. Starting at $9,911; $13,268 as shown. 877-346-4976; *www.yestertec.com.*

dishwashers

WINNER
Asko, D3152XL dishwasher

Those smart enough not to pre-rinse dishes (way to go!) may wonder what dishwasher makers consider to be "normal" dirty dishes, and what messes constitute "heavy soils." This model aims to short circuit this guesswork with its Auto Wash cycle. Its sensors calculate the right temperature and cleaning times, very likely saving time, water and energy in the process. $950 to $1,050, depending on features. 800-898-1879; *www.askousa.com.*

WINNER
LG, LDF8812 dishwasher with LED indicators ▶

When it comes to making appliances less noticeable, manufacturers have done a good job—a little too good, in fact. To wit: putting controls on top edge of the door cuts down visual clutter, but removes a valuable piece of information: How's the dishwasher doing? This model restores that data with four diminutive LEDs that indicate the cycles. Besides the LEDs and a handle, the stainless steel front is elegantly bare. $1,199. 800-243-0000; *www.lgusa.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Bosch, Evolution SHE98 dishwasher ▶

Being one of the two most energy-efficient dishwashers on the market is a substantial accomplishment in and of itself, but this appliance also offers a sanitize cycle that kills 99.9% of bacteria, the manufacturer says.

Other features include a load sensor that adjusts the cycle according to weight and quantity of dishes. $599 to $1,549, depending on features. 800-921-9622 *www.boschappliances.com.*

WINNER ▲ Asko, W6903 washing machine

Rich with features, this appliance gains an aesthetic advantage over many other front-loading washers: There's no porthole to look at. This unit, along with its dryer sibling, can be installed behind a full-length door, with the option of having controls either visible or hidden when the door is closed. It even accepts custom cabinet panels. Other enhancements include a 2,000-rpm spin speed and an intuitive control interface. $1,900 to $2,200, depending on features. 800-898-1879; *www.askousa.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION LG, Steam laundry system ▶

Adding steam to increase this washing machine's efficiency is a fine idea, but using the same technology in the dryer is a real leap forward. The steam generator in the dryer can prevent wrinkles and rescue clothes that have already succumbed. Another steam-related feature dampens clothes for ironing, and the unit also sports a static-reducing option. Partsch says, "I like the idea of pulling on a cozy, dryer-fresh sweater in the winter—without throwing a spark." $1,299 to $3,499 for the washer; $1,149 to $3,499 for the dryer, depending on features. 800-243-0000; *www.lgusa.com*.

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refrigerators

WINNER

◀ Miele, MasterCool refrigerator

Using this refrigerator's menu interface, the user assigns a particular type of food to each cooling zone, and the appliance sets the ideal temperature and humidity. Even neater is a wireless network connection that calls the manufacturer if the door is left open ("Parents take note," says Partsch) and the interior temperature spikes. The company then alerts the homeowner or another trusted soul to remedy the situation before everything spoils. $5,995, 30-inch bottom-mount. 800-843-7231; *www.miele.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

▼ Sub-Zero, air-purification system

Also focusing on freshness, this company has revamped its venerable line of built-in appliances, adding a system that completely circulates the internal air supply every 20 minutes. In the process, the air is also purified, removing viruses, bacteria and gases that encourage ripening and, in turn, spoilage. The company also claims to have the only filter that reduces viruses and bacteria in its water and ice. $4,700 to $9,500, depending on size and features. 800-532-7820; *www.subzero.com.*

tile

WINNER

Settecento, Tatami

The convergence of Asian flair and Italian sophistication continues to result in spectacular tile. These floor and wall tiles take their cues from Japanese straw mats. They come in a range of colors, and as European tiles tend to, they come in ample proportions such as 20×20 inches. Decorative patterns designed to complement the field tiles are also available. About $3.25 to $4.15 per square foot for field tiles, depending on size. 212-980-1500; *www.settecento.com.*

WINNER

Panaria, Exochic ▶

Never shy to embrace a style, Italian tile makers occasionally come up with pieces that manage to be both whimsical and enchanting. The floral line drawings on this tile—which measures 14×28 inches—flow freely; "Fun yet sophisticated," says Clagett. The design is quite deliberate, however, for all four sides match up with each other to create a repeating pattern. $3 to $19 per square foot, depending on size and style. 212-980-1500; *www. panaria.it.*

HONORABLE MENTION

◀Stone Impressions, Mineral Wash tiles

For anyone who's wanted to add a little glamour to a stone floor or wall, this company has just the ticket. It has fused metal to stone, creating a product that's both glitzy and durable. Because the base material is genuine stone, each piece is unique. Tiles are available in nine finishes, including two golds and a silver, along with colors such as blue and red. From $6 per 2×2 tile to $28 per 6×6 tile. 800-350-3003; *www. stoneimpressions.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

Interceramic, Timber

This African-influenced tile asserts its textured grain with authority. With its warm visual impact, it offers the perception of an exotic wood with the durability of tile. The tile is available in 16×16-inch squares, rectangles of either 5×15 or 2½×15 and decorative mosaic inserts that measure 13×13 inches. $4.39 to $10.69 per tile, $16.89 per mosaic insert. 214-503-5500; *www.interceramicusa.com.*

toilets

WINNER
Duravit, Vero wall-mounted toilet
Stark geometric grace is the hallmark of the complete fixture collection that includes this toilet. The wall-mounted design ("The future of the water closet," says Clagett) ups the elegance quotient by hiding the tank, further emphasizing the sharp horizontal lines. A matching bidet is also available. $550 for toilet alone; $1,225 for kit with toilet, seat, cover, in-wall carrier and dual-flush actuator. 888-387-2848; *www.duravit.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION
▲ Caroma, Caravelle dual-flush toilet
Australia is in a drought so severe that it is simply referred to as the "Big Dry." Residents have had to cope with water restrictions that are expected to remain in place for years. From such necessity was born this dual-flush toilet, which offers the option of eliminating liquid wastes using just .8 of a gallon—just over three quarts. The standard 1.6-gallon flush is more efficient and clog-resistan too, thanks to its 4-inch-wide trapway. With both options, use averages less than a gallon per flush $557 to $635. 800-605-4218; *www.caromausa.com*

tubs

HONORABLE MENTION
▼ MTI Whirlpools, Elise tub
Here's another graceful tub shape, with an emphasis on organic curves and no fussy details. It also happens to be made of solid surfacing. The manufacturer combines ground minerals with binding agents, then liquefies and molds the mixture until it hardens. The resulting tub is non-porous and thus easy to take care of. It comes in matte white. $8,499. 800-783-8827; *www.mtiwhirlpools.com*.

WINNER
▲ Vitra, Istanbul Cylinder tub
Reduced to its absolute essence, this tub provides plenty of room to luxuriate in a beautiful no-nonsense form: a "perfect circle," says Tanturri, with straight sides and a gorgeous scooped bowl. The diameter is 63 inches, and the tub is available in white or with a subtle silver pattern. $7,400. 877-658-4872; *www.vitra-usa.com*.

bath cabinets

WINNER

◀ Decolav, Casaya modular cabinets

Not just striking and elegant, these wall-hung units are practical in many ways. They're modular, which means you could opt for a smaller configuration in limited space or this double-sink arrangement for a two-person bath. The cherry-finish cabinets come with a solid-surfacing countertop with integrated sinks available. Matching oval mirrors are also part of the product line. Starting at $1,200, the configuration shown is $9,000, including the mirrors. 561-274-2110; *www.decolav.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION

Kohler, Archer Petite vanity ▶

This sink-minded cabinet supplies a touch of class in transitional environments. Lines are smooth and clean, but, notes Tanturri, "the rounded edges, the woven basket and splayed legs soften up the overall aesthetic." The sink amplifies the more traditional aspects of the piece. The unit comes in maple with a Black Forest finish. The woven basket is notched to accommodate the sink drain. $610, as shown. 800-456-4537; *www.kohler.com*. ◆

SECOND

WRITTEN BY MERVYN KAUFMAN
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ED GOHLICH
STYLED BY ANDREA CAUGHY

GENERATION

AN ARCHITECT'S OWN KITCHEN IS EMBRACED BY A NEW FAMILY

An arresting conflux of time-tested and new materials—stainless steel, limestone, glass and oak—gives this kitchen its appealing rustic-industrial character.

"I didn't really design this kitchen with a client in mind. I designed it for myself," says Laura DuCharme-Conboy, AIA, of DuCharme Architecture in La Jolla, California. The house, too, was her conception, a 3,700-square-foot structure on a lot not far from the Pacific Ocean.

"For an architect, this was as much fun as I could ever have," she says. "I was able to ask myself, What would I do if given free rein? What materials do I want to play with and how do I put them together?" What she created was a two-story, four-bedroom house that includes a 14×20-foot kitchen with Texas limestone on the walls and French limestone on the floor. To her, these are natural elements with material integrity. "I wanted to use other materials that are straightforward as well: wood beams, wood windows, countertops of lightly honed granite and cabinets that are either stainless steel or mahogany.

Laura, husband Garth and their two small children lived in the house for about three years, then moved on. Another couple, Amanda and Gene Hodges, fell in love with the home, bought it and moved in with their two youngsters. "I thought the kitchen was absolutely stunning," says Amanda. "From the first moment I saw it, it seemed a beautiful place to cook in and a very inviting place to sit down in and enjoy a meal. And, like the rest of the house, it's child- and family-friendly."

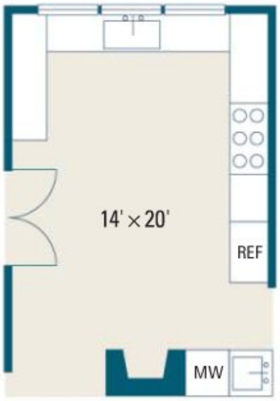
A REAL KEEPER

The centerpiece of the kitchen is a 7½-foot-long table that doubles as a work island and dining space. It's crafted of a giant slab of Torrey pine laid on a chunky mahogany base. It was left behind for the Hodgeses, who loved it. "I was glad to have it stay with the kitchen," says Laura. "The top is smooth—sanded and oiled, of course—but the live edges reflect the actual bumpy curvature of a tree."

The cabinets are a dazzling mix: dark-stained oak on the base units and stainless steel on the console and wall units. "I wanted the kitchen to look like an old European farmhouse with ultra-modern cabinetry," Laura says.

New owner Amanda immediately made the kitchen her own. "It's not only beautiful but also lovely to use. Gene and I couldn't have chosen a nicer place if we'd had it designed for us."

OPPOSITE: Opposite the window wall, with its verdant views and abundant light, the element of fire enters the design. A focal point after dark, the fireplace plays wry counterpoint to the microwave.



ABOVE: A snack area located next to the fireplace detours traffic from the work aisles of the main kitchen.

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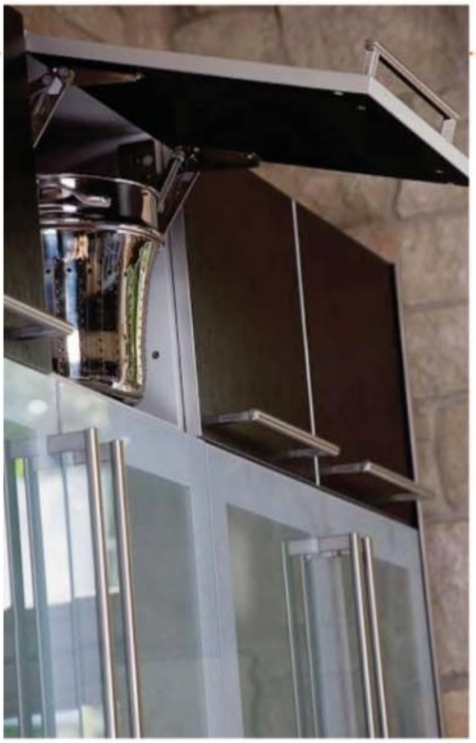

WARMTH MEETS STYLE

With stone walls, stone floor and a 10½-foot ceiling, this kitchen might have ended up visually cold. It isn't, though. Here's why:

TONING DOWN Soft, neutral tones warm up the limestone of the walls and floor.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE Structural beams of dark-stained Douglas fir give the room a solid feel and the illusion of age.

MIXING MATERIALS Dark-stained oak cabinets balance the lightness of the glass and the sink console's expanse of stainless steel.

NATURAL ELEMENTS A huge custom window framed in mahogany draws in sunlight and frames a view of the bamboo-planted backyard. A fireplace brings additional warmth to the space, as do the candles suspended over the kitchen table.

COLOR COUNTS Dollops of color in the pendant lights and in a sensitively edited collection of accessories underscore the kitchen's inherently welcoming personality. ◆

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The corners of the room are softened by the non-90-degree turn of the wall cabinets. Antique-style pendants and handcrafted tile add to the one-of-a-kind atmosphere of the kitchen.

FINE TUNING AN OLD-WORLD-STYLE KITCHEN FOR A MUSICIAN AND A CHEF

COMMAND PERFORMANCE

WRITTEN BY THERESA MCTAMMANY PHOTOGRAPHS BY KATE ROTH STYLED BY ARDEN NELSON

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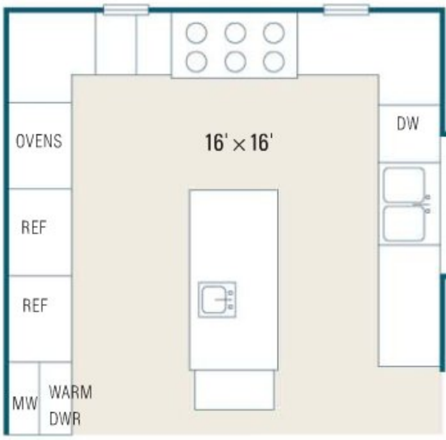
after years orchestrating meals in a compact galley, when it came time for Janet Weinberg to upgrade her kitchen, she refused to settle for a cookie-cutter remodel. "I love to cook and I'm passionate about food," says Janet, who, in addition to her duties as wife and mother of two, is pursuing a culinary arts degree and plays viola with the local symphony. Training and experience have taught her what works in a kitchen and what doesn't, so she wanted the foodie's equivalent of Carnegie Hall—a space fine-tuned specifically to her needs.

When the family moved to Highland Park, Illinois, she brainstormed with kitchen designer Theresa Sterbis, of Project Partners Inc. in Prospect Heights, Illinois, to come up with a new kitchen from scratch. "It had to be beautiful as well as functional," says Sterbis, a former engineer whose space-planning skills proved a plus in drafting the 300-square-foot, U-shaped plan.

Since Janet craved color—her former kitchen was a failed experiment in all white—she selected a sage paint finish for the recessed-panel cabinets. "I read it is associated with calmness and tran-

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ



ABOVE: Adding a secondary sink on the island established an additional work triangle in the kitchen. For a solo cook, it's a real step-saver; for two chefs, it sets up distinct work zones.

LEFT: The island sits in front of the refrigerators—a convenient spot for unloading groceries. A section of it drops down to a lower height which is more comfortable for mixing, kneading and rolling.

RIGHT: Building out a deep wall adds not only architectural interest to the room, but also makes space for an unobtrusive ledge behind the sink. Like many of the details in this well-designed space, it's useful without being utilitarian. The custom-made sink is cast concrete.

quility," she says of the soft grayish green shade. "I knew I was going to be spending a lot of hours in here."

When Janet couldn't find a range hood she liked, interior designer Carly Sax persuaded a local metal craftsman to fabricate one, experimenting with various finishes until they settled on a rich copper patina. Moving down to the backsplash, rugged slate tiles in organic tones wrap the walls like a patchwork quilt. Above the cooktop, a metal-framed mosaic of small stained glass tiles functions as a piece of artwork. Countertops are veined green granite that require minimal upkeep.

Efficiency is the key to the layout, which centers around an 8-foot island that's the locus for a variety of functions—casual dining, cookware and book storage and meal prep.

Replete with professional-style appliances—including a cooktop, double ovens, microwave, warming drawer and three dishwashers—the end result is well worth the effort invested. "My husband definitely questioned the third dishwasher," she says, but that appliance, in the pantry, is practical for large parties, when she finds herself running full loads of just glassware. "Without a doubt, it's my favorite feature."

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DEJA NEW ALL OVER AGAIN

Despite its grand Old World appearance, this kitchen keeps pace with the demands of a very contemporary cook. The secret is blending the highest standards of craftsmanship with the most modern of conveniences.

DOUBLE DUTY An old-fashioned butler's pantry, updated with a small fridge and dishwasher, pinch hits as a casual buffet or self-service drinks station.

SHELF SERVICE Open shelves on the end of the island hold Janet Weinberg's cookbook collection.

SNACK CENTRAL The microwave and warming drawer are located in the same cabinet module, creating a handy place to prepare small plates.

STOWAWAYS Built-in storage options includes deep drawers for pots and pans, a knife insert in a drawer near the cooktop and pull-out wicker produce bins that promote air circulation around vegetables and fruits. ◆

TO NEW HEIGHTS

A CROWDED KITCHEN IS TURNED INTO A SPACIOUS CHEF'S DELIGHT

WRITTEN BY MERVYN KAUFMA
PHOTOGRAPHS BY MATTHEW MILLMA
STYLED BY JENNIFER JONE

An array of surfaces and lighting thwart any potential sense of claustrophobia and add to this kitchen's character. Low-hanging pendants augment the puck lights and spotlights to illuminate the kitchen's work spaces. Countertops are flamed granite. The door panels in the wall cabinets are leaded glass. Textured glass panels in the entry door match those in pocket doors leading to the dining room.

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"The house is an Edwardian, not Victorian," insists Rob Cox. "It wa built in 1901." What he and his wif Suzanne Cutts, bought in 1997 wa a three-story San Francisco resi dence near a neighborhood of othe restored "painted ladies."

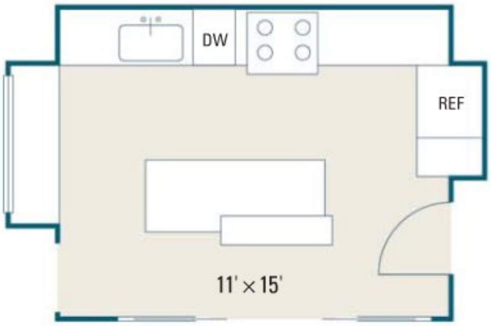
According to Suzanne, "there wa still a lot of the original detail, all o which we've tried to retain." The biggest challenge was the kitchen located on the second floor. "It ha been redone on the cheap in the lat 1970s, and the space was not use well. Also, its white-painted cabi nets were pressboard, and there wa a brick chimney rising up from th furnace that took a whole corner ou of the room."

Two years ago, when the coupl concluded they could live in tha kitchen no longer, they sought ou Tim Wong, of Buttrick Won Architects in Emeryville, Californi "We'd seen his firm's work in a mag azine," Suzanne recalls. "The stor showed how they utilized all of th space in such a way that I knew thes were the people who could help u We weren't going to change ou kitchen's footprint."

"We could have," Cox adds, "excep that there is a 100-year-old bougain villea just outside the kitchen. It's tree, not a vine, and its canop

ABOVE: Celadon subway tiles measuring 3×6 inches have a crackled finish. "You can run your hands on them and feel the bumps," Suzanne says.

RIGHT: The new kitchen sits on the same footprint as the old one, but architect Tim Wong reconfigured the space, taking out two narrow walls and a chimney. The more open plan also includes plentiful countertops, which the homeowners requested.



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The wooden bookcase is Suzanne Cutts' favorite part of the kitchen. It's not just home to her cookbooks, she says. It's also a great spot for guests to set a glass or plate and chitchat.

ABOVE: The ladder fulfilled an important function, making it possible to store and display pieces high overhead. Immediately below the foot-deep wall cabinets is open shelving only seven inches deep that stores regularly accessed items.

crowns our deck with fuchsia-col ored flowers. Tim knew he'd b working within a very narrow defined space."

The five-month remodel began i earnest when the kitchen was gutted "Everything was rearranged," Won recalls. "We ripped out two narrov walls that had been put up on eithe side of the old range, added an islan that was nearly seven feet long an replaced the existing flush windov with a bay window and window seat The slight protrusion of the window setup added "only 18 inches of spac but made the room feel bigger."

In addition to the spatial shuffle Wong replaced outmoded surfaces Gone was the linoleum floor. In it place was new white-oak floorin stained to match the oak floors in th rest of the house, all of which ha been refinished. Banished, too, wa the space-gobbling chimney. I became obsolete when a new furnac and water heater were installed The new refrigerator is approxi mately where the old one stood, bu the removal of the brick stack mad it possible to build in that applianc and put storage cabinets above i and a pull-out, adjustable-shelf pan try beside it. (The new furnace i

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The new window is no bigger than the old one, but being a bay, it extends the kitchen into the backyard. It also provides seating plus bonus storage underneath. Architect Wong made a niche for the rolling ladder by carving out space in the window seat area.

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VERTICAL ACCESS
With their kitchen's 13-foot ceiling height, the owners were able to extend everything upward without making the 11×15-foot space feel crowded.

FOUND STORAGE A slender space next to the refrigerator (left) is not wasted. Instead, it becomes a tall pantry, providing front-to-back access for oils, condiments and other cooking staples.

HOOK AND LADDER The sliding ladder (below) succeeds because of its sturdy, reliable hardware and because it looks good. Its cherry stain and turned rungs help it fit in with the rest of the kitchen decor.

THAT FILLING FEELING A fold-out faucet directly over the range (right) makes filling a tall pot for pasta or stock an easy task. The owners purchased the range when they first moved in; it's the only existing item in the kitchen that survived the remodeling.

serviced by a narrow tubular chimney enclosed neatly within the wall.)

Finally, the kitchen was configured to flow more smoothly into the dining room by removing the old swinging door and widening the opening. It now measures six feet across, with a pair of wood-framed glass pocket doors that can be pulled shut when needed.

With the infrastructure taken care of, Wong satisfied the specific demands of the couple. "I told Tim I needed a lot of counter space," Suzanne says. "I wanted a place that would be really comfortable for people hanging out while I'm cooking. The best thing in the world for me is the bookcase Tim designed—it's notched into the island. Also, because it's taller than the island, people can put their wine glasses or plates on it without getting in the way of my cooking." On the working side of the island there's a convection microwave plus storage drawers and a cabinet designed especially for trays and cookie sheets.

The result of all this work is a space worth bragging about in any home, be it Edwardian or Victorian. "What we got was pretty much what we asked for," Suzanne says. "There's nothing I would change. I absolutely love this kitchen."◆

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TRUE TO FORM

LIVING UP TO ITS CRAFTSMAN HERITAGE, A NEW KITCHEN TAKES SHAPE

WRITTEN BY THERESA MCTAMMANY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALAN SHORTALL
STYLED BY SUSAN VICTORIA

For some kitchens, look is as important as function, and perfecting every detail can require patient persistence. One of the owners of this kitchen looked for nearly a year before finding the right light fixtures for the room's remodel.

Lighting was just one of many issues, however, facing this Winnetka, Illinois, husband and wife as they undertook a large-scale remodeling project. At odds with their 1970s-style kitchen, they challenged Chicago-area architects Stuart Cohen and Julie Hacker to construct a compatible addition for the circa-1907 home, built in Frank Lloyd Wright's then-emerging Prairie style. They wanted a fully functional space that also incorporated the simple lines, natural materials and hand-wrought details the Arts and Crafts movement embraced. "Classic with a contemporary twist," is how the wife describes her design preferences. "I'm conservative by nature. I only want to decorate once."

For the sake of both function and form, a butler's pantry and storage closet were erased to create one continuous space that opens to a small breakfast room. "No one would ever mistake this kitchen as original in the sense of the layout or

RIGHT: The new kitchen, true to the home's aesthetic, is fitted out with limestone wall tiles, granite counters and rift-oak cabinets. The cabinet design is based on the original Prairie-style woodwork in the rest of the house.

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LEFT: The room centers on a generous island that divides the space into separate zones for preparing, cooking and serving.

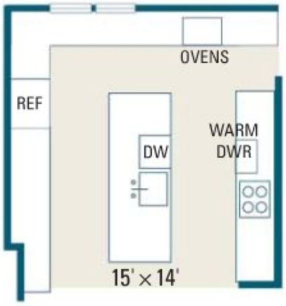
RIGHT: When possible and where practical, the cabinet designs are varied in order to avoid any monolithic impression. Mullioned glass cupboards and open cubbies provide just as effective storage as their solid-door counterparts.

appliances, but it works well within the context of the house," says Hacker.

The 350-square-foot, L-shaped plan was outfitted with expansive light-filled windows, warm oak cabinets and floors, and pro-caliber appliances. The principal work area is a 10-foot-long granite-topped island that stretches down the center of the room.

Classic materials introduce additional texture. The French limestone tile backsplash and Juparana gold granite counters perform double duty—breaking up the visual heft of the wood cabinets and floors while bolstering light and shine. Ditto for the stainless steel appliances; rather than conceal them behind panels, the architects left their shimmering fronts in plain view. "We like machines to look like machines," Cohen says.

Although the look is what she wanted, the wife has discovered the kitchen functions even better than she hoped, especially in the storage department. "The cabinets, especially the ones up top, are only half full," she says, "and there are empty ones I haven't touched. I never thought I would say I had too much storage."



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

ABOVE: The open plan of the kitchen and selection of its materials convey a contemporary aesthetic, but details here and there pay heed to the home's architectural history.

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LESSONS FROM THE PRAIRIE SCHOOL

Horizontal planes, rectilinear forms, bands of windows and handcrafted natural materials are hallmarks of the early 20th-century architectural style known as the Prairie School. These traditions are continued in this kitchen:

FLATTERING IMITATION Existing woodwork and trim were copied using a tool called a molding gauge, and then re-created by the builder for use in the kitchen.

GOING WITH THE GRAIN Rift-cut oak, with its honey hue and tight vertical grain, is less busy than traditional oak, with its darker color and distinctive wavy grain. Befitting its more casual mood, the kitchen uses the lighter rift-cut oak; the other, more formal, rooms use dark oak.

LIGHTEN UP Stylistically appropriate windows, with multipaned transoms, frame parklike views of the garden from the kitchen. A strong indoor-outdoor connection is a key element of the Arts and Crafts movement. ◆

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A master bath melds the charms of the past with the comforts of today

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ERIC ROTH

Tradition and technology pair beautifully in this master bath, which was designed to look like a true American classic yet functions as a contemporary, body-soothing spa.

The 225-square-foot room, on the second floor of a traditional-style home set on 29 secluded acres in Massachusetts, was created to suit the needs of the couple whose two young children keep them on the run, the upshot being that they don't have much time to spare for long soaks in the tub.

"We designed the room so that it would never go out of style," says the wife. "Some of the other baths in the house have a brighter color scheme, but for this one we chose a palette of neutral tones."

To create the L-shaped room, they incorporated space from a closet. "We wanted the bath to have a warmth and feel that was characteristic of an older home," says the wife. "The rooms in the rest of the house are big, so we wanted this one to be in keeping with their scale. I kept a folder filled with magazine articles for inspiration and I designed the cabinets myself to reflect a traditional style."

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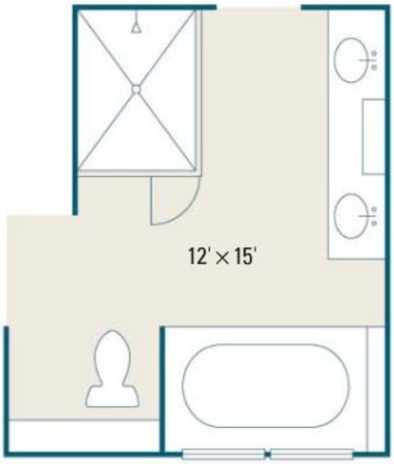
BELOW: The L-shaped room was designed to take advantage of the site; whether standing in the shower or at the sink, or floating in the tub, the double set of casement windows captures the view.



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

DEFINING THE DETAILS

DEEP MOLDING on the doors, windows, floor and ceiling define and frame the space.

NEUTRAL COLORS, including pewters, butters, creams and whites, ground the area.

TILE in traditional patterns bridges past and present.

CLASSIC-STYLE cupboards with vintage-style hardware balance the contemporary glass shower.

The furniture-like cabinetry, hand-painted in a historic color of pewter-gray, sets the tone that is picked up by the tile work: white subway tiles on the walls and in the shower and a basket-weave pattern on the floor that uses four muted colors.

The traditional touches are an appealing foil for the 21st-century technology featured in the bath's fixtures. The deep tub has a dozen jets that target the back and neck. This contemporary indulgence is integrated into the space via a white marble deck and a stately built-in bookcase. And the sleek glass-enclosed steam, water jet and rain shower, which the wife adores because the mist gives her relief from sinus infections, is decorated with two accent stripes of tile work and is opened with a vintage-style pewter handle.

"The kids have their own jetted tub, but they like the one in the master bath better," the wife says and sighs. "They use it more than I do. I'd love to have the time to light some candles and turn out the lights and just relax." ◆

ABOVE: Artistic use of tile brings pattern and color together, playing off the simplicity of the cabinets. Even the baseboard trim is ceramic.

RIGHT: The mood of the space successfully balances a serene feel with a stately look, thanks to thoughtful selections of cabinet and finish design.

what's your look?

Take our quiz to help discover your personal style and create the bathroom of your dreams

1. You need to stock up on groceries. You are most likely to:

A. Hit the farmer's market. You prefer buying organic and local produce whenever possible.

B. Order online from NetGrocer.

C. Head for the supermarket and load up your cart.

2. You've found an extra hour in the weekend to devote to yourself. That's the perfect time to:

A. Manage your iTunes playlist.

B. Troll around on eBay for bargains on vintage Fiestaware.

C. Whip up a batch of your famous oatmeal-raisin cookies.

3. It's Saturday night and you're flipping through the movie section in the paper. Do you:

A. Gasp with delight when that art film from Hong Kong finally makes it to your local theater?

B. Use running times and show times to calculate the possibility of seeing *two* of the latest blockbusters—in one night?

C. Wonder what happened to movies where characters speak to each other in complete sentences and are less than handy with rifles and grenades?

4. The time has come to blot out the world and immerse yourself in music. You're most apt to get totally lost in:

A. The custom mix on your iPod Nano.

B. A CD of a classic album by the Beatles or the Moody Blues.

C. An evening at the opera, preferably live.

5. Your friends want you to choose the restaurant for your birthday dinner. You're most likely to pick:

A. The freshest sushi joint in town.

B. Chili's.

C. Fine French cuisine.

6. It's time to write a thank-you note to a close friend. Do you:

A. Dash off an IM from your BlackBerry?

B. Craft a collage of images personally significant to both of you into a card?

C. Trot out the calligrapher's pen and your monogrammed note cards?

7. When it comes to sports, the athletes in your house are ready to take on all comers in:

A. Lacrosse.

B. Football.

C. Golf.

8. The digital photos you took of your relatives are great. How do you get copies to them?

A. Burn a CD.

B. Print them out at Walgreens or Target.

C. You don't own a digital camera.

9. Your dream vacation would be:

A. A game-watching safari in Africa, and "camping" in luxury treehouses.

B. Two weeks in a lakeside lodge with the extended family.

C. A wine-tasting tour of the Loire Valley or Tuscany.

How to rate your bath-style profile: Score 0 points for each A answer; 1 point for each B; and 2 points for each C.

0 to 7: You're a cool customer who wants a contemporary, Zen-like spa.

8 to 14: You'd likely prefer a transitional look—a mix of traditional and contemporary elements.

15 to 18: You're a classic and your bath is a luxurious and comfortable retreat. ◆

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Second Generation
Pages 66–71:

Architect, Laura DuCharme Conboy, DuCharme Architecture. ***Contractor***, David Taylor Development. ***Cabinets***, Bulthaup. ***French limestone flooring***, From the Ground Up. ***Texas limestone walls***, Modern Builders Supply. ***Range*** and ***microwave oven***, Dacor. ***Refrigerator***, Sub-Zero. ***Faucets***, Dornbracht. ***Dishwasher***, Miele. ***Dishwasher facing***, Bulthaup. ***Chandelier***, Altar, Holly Hunt Collection.

Command Performance
Pages 72–77:

Architect, Scott K. Renken, Renken Architects, Inc. ***Kitchen designer***, Theresa M. Sterbis, Project Partners, Inc. ***Interior designer***, Carly Sax, cxdesign/consult. ***Builder***, John King, Greystone Builders and Designers. ***Cabinetry, cabinetry perimeter*** and ***island***, Wood-Mode. ***Cabinet hardware***, Chicago Brass. ***Paint***, HC-39 Putnam Ivory, Benjamin Moore. ***Microwave oven***, KitchenAid. ***Main refrigerator*** and ***freezer***, Sub-Zero. ***Butler's pantry refrigerator***, Marvel. ***Dishwasher***, Bosch. ***Oven***, Wolf. ***Range***, Viking. ***Range hood***, New Content, Inc. ***Warming drawer***, Dacor. ***Custom concrete sink***, Soupcan, Inc. ***Island undermount sink***, Franke. ***Dishwasher***, Bosch. ***Double dishwasher-drawer***, Fisher & Paykel. ***Pendant lights***, Clarice Tiffany Classics, Kichler. ***Chairs*** and ***stools***, Johnson Casuals. ***Chair and stool upholstery***, Architex. ***Table base***, Atmosphere by Moura Starr.

To New Heights
Pages 78–85:

Architect, Tim Wong, Buttrick Wong Architects. ***Contractor***, Meridian Builders. ***Cabinets***, custom, Seidman Woodworks. ***Antique leaded glass cabinet panels***, Theodore Ellison

Designs. ***Low-voltage recessed downlights***, Lucifer Lighting. ***Frosted lamp***, Logico Suspension, Artemide. ***Recessed ceiling lights***, IRiS. ***Range*** and ***microwave oven***, Wolf. ***Refrigerator***, Sub-Zero. ***Sink***, Just Manufacturing. ***Faucet***, Grohe. ***Dishwasher***, Miele. ***Ladder***, Putnam Rolling Ladder Co. ***White porcelain leaf-shaped fruit bowl, chopping board, orchid***, Bae.

True to Form
Pages 86–91:

Architectural design and ***kitchen design***, Stuart Cohen and Julie Hacker Architects. ***Interior design***, Stephanie Wohlner Design. ***General contractor***, Arthur G. Nelson. ***Windows***, Pella. ***Custom cabinetry***, Exclusive Woodworking. ***Refrigerator*** and ***freezer***, Sub-Zero. ***Dishwasher***, Miele. ***Double oven, cooktop*** and ***warming drawer***, Thermador. ***Microwave oven***, Panasonic. ***Stools***, Design Within Reach. ***Pendant lights***, Holly Hunt Collection. ***Cabinet hardware***, Crown City Hardware. ***Stand mixer***, KitchenAid. ***Kettle***, The Great Indoors.

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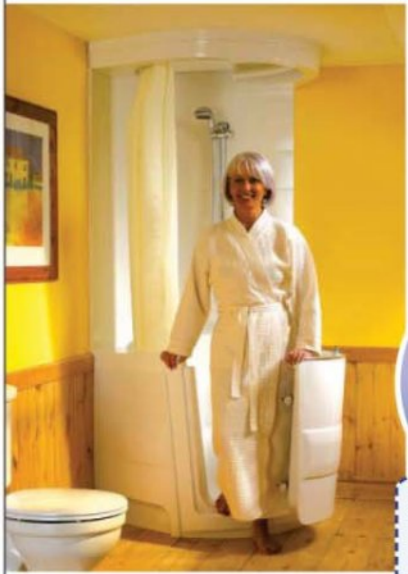

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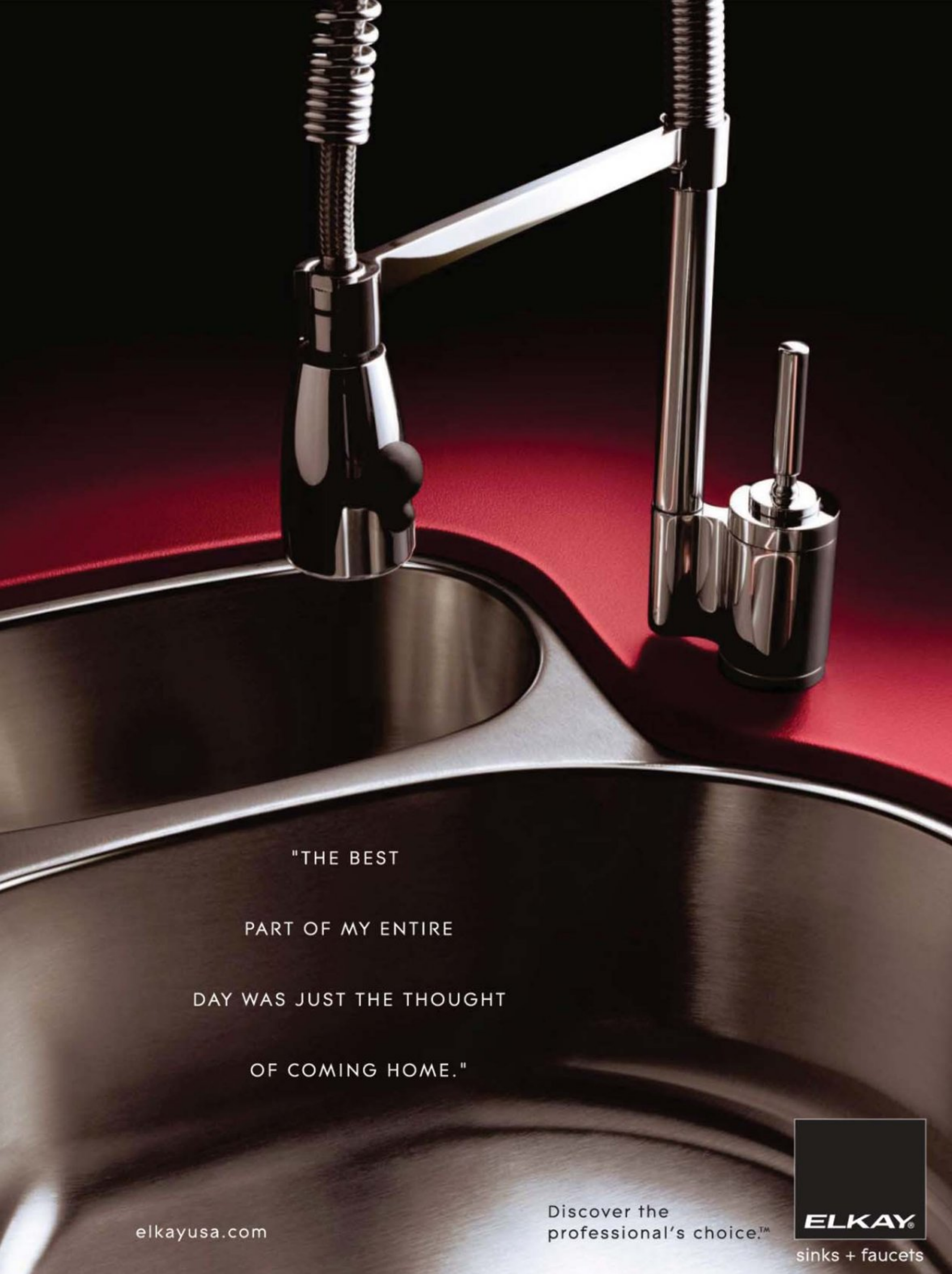
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